

**XXVIII CONGRESS....First Session.**

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, Feb. 29, 1864.

OVERLAND EMIGRANTS.

Mr. GRIMES (Ia., Iowa), introduced a bill for the protection of overland emigration to the Pacific, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

THE ENTHOULEMENT LAW.

Mr. CHANDLER (Un., Mich.) presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Michigan, making changes in the Enrollment Law. Referred to the Military Committee.

AMBULANCE CORPS.

Mr. CHANDLER presented a lengthy petition for a uniform ambulance corps. Referred to the Select Committee on Military Affairs.

POWER OF GUARDIANS OF LUNATICS.

Mr. ECKER (Un., N. J.) reported a bill to enable the guardians of lunatics in the States to act in the District of Columbia. Referred to the Committee on Juvenile Delinquency.

SCHOOL LANDS IN KANSAS.

Mr. LANE (Kans., Kansas) introduced the joint resolution of the Kansas Legislature asking for information in reference to certain school lands in Kansas.

VIRGINIA POST OF EX-TEY.

Mr. CHANDLER moved to take up the Senate bill to make Parkersburg, Va., a port of entry, and it was passed.

THE RESTITION OF SLAVE-OWNERS.

Mr. SUMNER (Mass., Mass.) presented a report from the Select Committee on Slavery and Freedoms on fugitive slaves have accompanied by a bill repealing all laws for the rendition of fugitive slaves to their so-called masters.

Laid over and ordered to be printed.

THE EXTENSION OF THE TIME FOR BOUNTIES.

Mr. WILSON (Un., Mass.) from the military Committee reported a bill extending bounties to April 1, as passed by the House. Mr. Wilson thought there were no doubts that we were enlisting men more rapidly than we could provide for them. We were enlisting them at the rate of 2,000 per day. If we had to make a draft, it would be a small one to fill the quota of 500,000 men.

Mr. FREDERICKSEN (Un., Md.) objected to having a bill of such importance introduced before us without the concurrence of the Executive and the Department, and if we would deliberate without such concurrence, we should get ourselves into trouble. He moved that the bill be recommended to the Military Committee.

Mr. SHERMAN (Ohio) thought if the Secretary of War wished this extension of time for the payment of bounties, he should say so in writing to us. He would oppose it without such an endorsement.

Mr. LANE (Un., Ind.) concurred with Mr. Sherman if we strike out the three hundred dollar clause in the general law it would secure men enough without impressing the country.

Mr. FREDERICKSEN (Denn., Oregon) opposed an extension of the time.

Mr. WILSON thought the bill should go to the Senate Finance Committee, but the Military Committee found in their bill this morning and brought it before the Senate as it came from the House, with the clause extending the payment of bounties to April 1. It would incur an expenditure of thirty millions of dollars.

Mr. CLARK (Un., N. H.) thought the bill should be committed to the Military Committee. The bill was committed to the Military Committee.

THE REPORT ON THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW.

On motion of Mr. CONNESS (Un., Cal.) it was voted to postpone the consideration of the report of the Committee on Freedoms and Slavery with the accompanying bill, to be referred to the Printing Committee.

THE PAY OF SOLDIERS.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill authorizing the pay of soldiers, the question being on the reading amendment of Mr. Wilson, to insert the word "free" before the word "persons" in Mr. Collier's amendment.

Mr. FREDERICKSEN (Un., Md.) opposed the bill of the committee on retroactive pay.

THE NATIONAL BANTES.

Mr. LIGGON (Ind., Ind.) offered a resolution, which was passed, instructing the Committee on the Rules to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the establishment of a Committee to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the National Banks.

A PEACE PROPOSITION.

Mr. LONG (Ind., Ind.) offered a preamble concluding with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be and he is hereby granted authority to negotiate and to appoint a Commission to New-Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Phoenix, of Ohio, and such other persons as the President shall see proper to select as Commissioners on the part of the United States, who shall be empowered to meet with the Commissioners of the Confederate States at such time and place as may be agreed upon to ascertain, before a removal of hostilities, whether she was not about to a close, and the Union restored by a return of all the States to the allegiance and rights of the Union.

Mr. DAVIS (Un., Md.) inquired of Mr. Long whether he would not substitute Vicksburg for New-Orleans, while Mr. ASHLEY (Un., O.) thought Mr. Buchanan ought to be added to the list of Commissioners.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

Mr. SUMNER from the Committee on Slavery and Freedoms reported a bill to secure equality in the courts of the United States. Ordered to be printed.

THE PAY OF SOLDIERS.

The debate on the bill authorizing the pay of soldiers was resumed.

Mr. SUMNER continued his remarks in reply to Mr. FREDERICKSEN.

Mr. GARRICK hoped the bill would be reconsidered and reported back in its original form, leaving all special hardships suffered for separate legislation.

Mr. WILSON would not oppose any recommendation of his bill, though it did not do justice to details of its passage.

He observed that the cause of the South Carolina and Massachusetts, and other colored troops, should be provided for, and they would be though the matter may be delayed.

He believed, when he introduced the bill, there were only between thirty or forty thousand of such troops; he believed that now we have a hundred thousand, and eighty new regiments are in process of formation. He thought, when the bill was drawn, that its retrospective character would only apply to twenty regiments, and thought the bill could be improved by a committee.

The bill was recommitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate then went into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m.

After the Executive Session, the Senate, at 4 o'clock, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE ARREST OF VALLANDIGHAM.

Mr. PENDLETON (Denn., Ohio) offered the following:

Resolved, That in view of the fact, the military armament, and the military command, of Clement L. Vallandigham, a citizen of Ohio, in the land or naval forces of the United States, or in the militia or naval forces, respectively, of the State of Ohio, in his conduct and bearing, of a traitor to the Union, and of a disloyal and disreputable character, the President, exercised his authority to issue a set of more warlike power, in possible violation of the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

Mr. WADDELL (Un., Ill.) supposed the question had been settled at the last session in Ohio, and moved to lay the resolution on the table. Disagreed to by a vote of 34 to 24.

The resolution was then rejected by a vote of 47 Yeas

and 26 Nays.

Mr. GARRICK moved that the Committee on the Conduct of War be instructed to inquire and report upon the practical operation and result of the several acts of Congress touching commercial intercourse with the rebels.

Mr. STEPHENSON (Un., Pa.) asked leave to introduce a resolution that the Committee on the Conduct of War be instructed to inquire and report upon the practical operation and result of the several acts of Congress touching commercial intercourse with the rebels.

Mr. BROWN (Un., N. Y.) voted for the resolution.

Mr. GARRICK (Un., Ohio) submitted a similar resolution, which was agreed to by Yeas 23, Nays 13, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Aiken, Ames, Anderson, Ashley, Brown, Clegg, Cox, Denison, Edson, Eliot, French, Green, Hooper, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Ladd, Loring, McElroy, McFarland, Miller (N. Y.), Moore, Nelson, O'Neill (Pa.), Pease, Pease, Tracy, Trowbridge, Tracy, Williams, Wood, Woodward.

Nays—Messrs. Allen, Atkinson, Blair (Md.), Brooks, Chamberlain, Cox, Denison, Edson, Eliot, French, Green, Hooper, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Ladd, Loring, McElroy, McFarland, Miller (N. Y.), Moore, Nelson, O'Neill (Pa.), Pease, Pease, Tracy, Trowbridge, Tracy, Williams, Wood, Woodward.

THE GOLD ACT.

Mr. STEPHENSON called up the bill, heretofore reported from the Committee of March 3, 1864, as proposed several times, and so that it would read:

Section 1. That it be enacted by so much of the tenth section of the act of March 3, 1861, that it is supplemented by the act of March 3, 1863, that it is supplemented by the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to borrow, from time to time, on the credit of the United States, not exceeding \$50,000,000 during the current year, and not exceeding \$100,000,000 during each subsequent year, the sum of money necessary to meet the expenses of the United States, bearing date March 1, 1864, or any subsequent period not less than five years, and payable at any period not more than forty years after the date of the loan, and not less than 5 per cent, but not less than \$50, bearing interest not exceeding 5 per cent a year, payable in bonds not over \$100 annually, and on all other bonds semi-annually, in coin; and may dispose of such bonds at any time and place as he may deem most convenient, and may make such arrangements for the disposal of Treasury notes, certificates of indebtedness, or certificates of deposit, issued under any act of Congress; and all bonds issued under this act shall be exempt from taxation by or under State or municipal authority.

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay out of the amount so paid the amount of one-half of one per cent of the amount so loaned and disposed of.

THOMAS TILESTON.

Mr. Thomas Tileston died suddenly yesterday morning at the age of 71 years. He was one of the old and most highly esteemed merchants of this city.

Last week he was apparently well as usual, and attended to his business as change, in the bank, and in his office with his accustomed fidelity. The deceased was born in Boston, Aug. 13, 1793. When 13 years of age he became himself a printer in his native city, and afterward became a partner in the firm under which he learned "the art preservative of the arts." He was for a short time the editor of *The Merrimac Intelligencer*, the old "art" newspaper, the name of which was changed to *The Merrimac Intelligencer*, and for other purposes, approved February 26, 1821.

Mr. BROOKS (Denn., N. Y.) said the experiment of

eleven millions authorized a new loan to that extent, and therefore, moved the following amendment:

Provided that the eleven millions be deducted from the hundred millions authorized by the 1st section of this act.

This amendment was disagreed to.

The amendments proposed by Mr. Stevens were adopted, and the bill, as above given, passed.

INQUIRY FOR NAVAL INFORMATION.

Mr. BLAIR (Rep., State, Mo.) offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to furnish to the House the following instructions and correspondence with Bear-Admiral De Pont relative to that previous to April 7, 1863, and subsequent thereto, and all other information possessed by the Department or its bureaus concerning the conduct of the Navy Department in the management of naval warfare, any order of the Navy Department, also the telegraphic order of the President, and the like.

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